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HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted Heritage Conservation Committee;

(b) if so, the jurisdiction and activities thereof; and

(c) the buildings identified for conservation?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c)

No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Culture proposes to constitute a National Heritage sites commission. As the present legal and institutional framework is not adequate to address the documentation, inventorisation and conservation of built heritage in its broadest outline, it is proposed to constitute a Heritage Sites Commission. The Commission would lay down broad policy guidelines and take steps to ensure that such guidelines are observed.

The mandate of the proposed Heritage Sites Commission is being worked out. It is expected that the Commission would:

- tender advice to Govt. on heritage matters.

- frame guidelines in the matter of conservation of heritage monuments and sites.

- can study or cause to study in important matters regarding conservation of heritage and submit reports to the Government.

- suggest appropriate amendments to the existing heritage legislations.